

The pressures of urbanization and industrialization resulting from the scientific progress of the space age and from the exploding population, particularly in the Boston to Washington megalopolis which cuts such a wide swath through the entire State of Maryland, require a careful re-examination of the system of political subdivisions existing under the present Constitution, and this is one of the many tasks being undertaken by the Commission. It will submit its findings, recommendations and specific proposals on these and other necessary revisions of the Constitution to me and to the General Assembly of Maryland prior to its 1967 session.

I therefore take great pride in the fact that we have moved closer toward calling a Constitutional Convention to modernize the Maryland State Constitution, and I regard this as one of the principal achievements of my administration. I urge all citizens to support the calling of a Constitutional Convention by voting in the special election on September 13, 1966.

I am convinced that an overwhelming majority of the citizens and voters of Maryland favor the calling of a Constitutional Convention, but we must say so at the polls. It is, therefore, necessary that the citizens and voters of Maryland be made aware of the importance of this election. To that end I hope shortly to announce the formation of a Citizens Committee to undertake the task of informing the electorate so that they will go to the polls and vote on this most important issue.

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Some time ago a member of my staff laid before me a newspaper clipping reporting an interview with a compatriot, a colleague, a fellow-sufferer, the Honorable Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, Governor of California. Extending across five columns was this provocative headline: "‘What have I done wrong?’ Brown asks." May I read to you the first paragraphs of the newspaper article:

"Sacramento, California — Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown pounded his desk in frustration over his slipping popularity. ‘What have I done wrong? Just tell me.’ The Democratic Governor punched